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SUBJECT: CROATIA PROPOSES CONTRIBUTIONS FOR IRAQ, SEEKS
FULL MEMBERSHIP IN PSI, WORKS WITH GERMANY ON AFGHANISTAN
PRT CONTRIBUTION

1. SEE ACTION REQUESTS IN PARAS 2 AND 3.

2. (SBU) ON APRIL 16, MFA NATO COORDINATOR PJER SIMUNOVIC
TOLD DCM THAT THE GOC HAD DEVELOPED A PROPOSAL TO RESPOND TO
SECRETARY RUMSFELD'S REQUEST THAT CROATIA MAKE A

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CONTRIBUTION TO COALITION EFFORTS IN IRAQ. SIMUNOVIC SAID
THE GOC PROPOSES TO OFFER IN ZAGREB FORENSICS EXPERTISE AND
PEDIATRIC CARE FOR INJURED IRAQI CHILDREN. IN ADDITION, THE
GOC PROPOSES TO PROVIDE A &SMALL8 NUMBER OF POLICE
INSTRUCTORS FOR THE COALITION'S POLICE ACADEMY LOCATED IN
JORDAN. SIMUNOVIC ADDED THAT CROATIA HAD A NUMBER OF SUCH
INSTRUCTIONS WITH EXPERIENCE AS INSTRUCTORS AT THE POLICE
ACADEMY IN KOSOVO. HE DID NOT YET HAVE A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF
INSTRUCTORS ON OFFER, BUT SAID THE &SMALL8 CONTRIBUTION
MIGHT BE INCREASED LATER. HE ALSO DID NOT HAVE A SPECIFIC
PROPOSAL REGARDING WHAT SORTS OF FORENSICS CAPABILITIES WERE
ON OFFER NOR HOW TO IMPLEMENT A PEDIATRIC CARE OFFER. HE
HOPED THAT THE U.S. COULD RESPOND AS TO THE ACCEPTABILITY OF
THESE OFFERS AND MAKE SUGGESTIONS HOW THEY MIGHT BE
IMPLEMENTED. ACTION REQUEST: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER A
FORENSICS CAPABILITY IN ZAGREB COULD BE HELPFUL AND HOW A
PEDIATRIC CARE PROGRAM COULD BE ORGANIZED (WE UNDERSTAND
OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE LAUNCHED SUCH PROGRAMS). ALSO PLEASE
ADVISE WHETHER THE OFFER OF POLICE INSTRUCTORS WOULD BE
WELCOME AND WHAT STEPS THE GOC SHOULD TAKE.

3. (SBU) SIMUNOVIC SAID THAT FOLLOWING INTERNAL
CONSULTATIONS, THE GOC HAS DECIDED THAT IT WOULD LIKE TO
PURSUE FULL MEMBERSHIP IN PSI. UP UNTIL NOW, CROATIA HAD
SOUGHT ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AS AN OBSERVER, BUT NOW THE GOC
FELT IT COULD AND SHOULD PARTICIPATE AS A FULL MEMBER.
CROATIA TAKES SERIOUSLY ITS COMMITMENTS TO PREVENT THE
PROLIFERATION OF WMD AND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GWOT.
FURTHER, CROATIA HAS AN EXTENSIVE COASTLINE AND A NUMBER OF
ACTIVE COMMERCIAL PORTS. SIMUNOVIC ADDED THAT THE GOC FELT A
RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTRIBUTE FULLY TO INITIATIVES SUCH AS
PSI. ACTION REQUEST: PLEASE ADVISE ON HOW TO RESPOND TO THE
GOC REQUEST.

4. (SBU) SIMUNOVIC SAID HE WOULD TRAVEL TO BERLIN SOON FOR
DETAILED DISCUSSIONS ON THE CROATIAN CONTRIBUTION TO THE
GERMAN PRT IN KANDUZ, AFGHANISTAN. THE GOC IS CONSIDERING A
COMMITMENT OF ABOUT 10 CIVILIANS, INCLUDING JUNIOR DIPLOMATS,
POLICE OFFICERS AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL (TWO DOCTORS, TWO
NURSES). SIMUNOVIC WAS AWARE THAT MACEDONIA HAD PROPOSED TO
FORM A MEDICAL TEAM COMPOSED OF MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM
MACEDONIA, ALBANIA AND CROATIA TO PARTICIPATE IN AFGHANISTAN
OPERATIONS, PROBABLY AS PART OF A PRT. HE SAID THAT THE
CROATIAN MOD WAS CONSIDERING THIS PROPOSAL. WHEN ASKED ABOUT
WHETHER THE GOC WOULD SEEK SABOR APPROVAL FOR MORE MILITARY
PERSONNEL TO DEPLOY TO AFGHANISTAN (THE SABOR MUST APPROVE
MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS OUTSIDE CROATIA), SIMUNOVIC SAID HE
THOUGHT SEEKING NEW APPROVAL TO STAFF A ADRIATIC CHARTER
THREE JOINT PLATOON WOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM SINCE THE FORMER
GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS NOW IN OPPOSITION, HAD SUPPORTED THE
EARLIER DEPLOYMENT OF A 50-PERSON UNIT TO ISAF.

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